

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A shift register comprising a level shifter which amplifies an amplitude of a clock signal,

wherein the level shifter comprises:

a capacitor means;

an inverter of which input portion is connected to a first electrode of the capacitor means;

a means for connecting the input portion and an output portion of the inverter electrically;

a first means for inputting a reference potential to a second electrode of the capacitor means;

a second means for inputting the clock signal to the second electrode of the capacitor means;

a third means for fixing a potential of an output of the level shifter; and

a fourth means for fixing a potential of the input portion during a period in which the level shifter does not operate, and

wherein a control signal of the level shifter is generated from an output pulse of the shift register.

2. (Original) The shift register according to claim 1,

wherein an H-level and an L-level of the clock signal are used as the reference potential.

3. (Original) A shift register comprising a level shifter which amplifies an amplitude of a clock signal,

wherein the level shifter comprises:

a capacitor means;

a first inverter of which input portion is connected to a first electrode of the capacitor means;

a second inverter of which input portion is connected to an output portion of the first inverter;

a first switch provided between the input portion and the output portion of the first inverter;

a second switch provided between the input portion of the first inverter and

a power supply;

a first means for inputting a reference potential to a second electrode of the capacitor means; and

a second means for inputting the clock signal to the second electrode of the capacitor means,

wherein the second inverter comprises a third switch for fixing a potential of an output of the level shifter in a period in which an output of the first inverter is unstable; and

wherein a control signal of the level shifter is generated from an output pulse of the shift register.

4. (Original) A shift register comprising a level shifter which amplifies an amplitude of a clock signal,

wherein the level shifter comprises a first inverter and a second inverter connected in series;

a first switch provided between an input portion and an output portion of the first inverter;

a second switch provided between the input portion of the first inverter and a power supply;

a first capacitor means and a second capacitor means of which first electrodes are connected to the input portion of the first inverter;

a third switch for inputting an H-level of the clock signal as a reference potential to a second electrode of the first capacitor means;

a fourth switch for inputting an L-level of the clock signal as a reference potential to a second electrode of the second capacitor means; and

a means for inputting the clock signal to second electrodes of the first and the second capacitors means,

wherein the second inverter comprises a fifth switch for fixing a potential of an output of the level shifter during a period in which an output of the first inverter is unstable; and

wherein a control signal of the level shifter is generated from an output pulse of the shift register.

5. (Currently Amended) A shift register comprising a level shifter which amplifies an amplitude of a clock signal,

wherein the level shifter comprises:

a first inverter and a second inverter connected in series;

a first switch provided between an input portion and an output portion of the first inverter;

a second switch provided between the input portion of the first inverter and a power supply;

a first capacitor means and a second capacitor means of which first electrodes are connected to the input portion of the first inverter;

a third inverter of which output portion is connected to a second electrode of the first capacitor means;

a third switch provided between an input portion and an output portion of the third inverter;

a fourth switch provided between the input portion of the third inverter and a power supply;

a third capacitor means of which first electrode is connected to the input portion of the third inverter;

a fifth switch for inputting an H-level of the clock signal to a second electrode of the third capacitor means;

a fourth inverter of which output portion is connected to a second electrode of the second capacitor means;

a sixth switch provided between an input portion and an output portion of the fourth inverter;

a seventh switch provided between the input portion of the fourth inverter and a power supply;

a fourth capacitor means of which first electrode is connected to the input portion of the fourth inverter;

[[a]] an eighth switch for inputting an L-level of the clock signal to a second electrode of the fourth capacitor means; and

a means for inputting the clock signal to second electrodes of the third capacitor means and a fourth capacitor means,

wherein the second inverter comprises a ninth switch for fixing a potential of an output of the level shifter during a period in which an output of the first inverter is unstable; and

wherein a control signal of the level shifter is generated from an output pulse of the shift register.

6. (Currently Amended) The shift register according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein a number of stage of the level shifter and a number of stage of flip-flop which configure the shift register in the ratio of 1 : N (N is two or more).

7. (Currently Amended) A driving method of a shift register comprising a level shifter which amplifies an amplitude of a clock signal,

wherein the level shifter comprises:

a capacitor means;

an inverter of which input portion is connected to a first electrode of the capacitor means;

a switch provided between the input portion and an output portion of the inverter;

a first means for inputting a reference potential to a second electrode of the capacitor means;

a second means for inputting a clock to the second electrode of the capacitor means;

a third means for fixing a potential of an output of the level shifter; and

a fourth means for fixing a potential of an input portion of the inverter,

comprising:

a step of turning ON the switch to set the input portion and the output portion of the inverter to a threshold potential of the inverter in a reset period, thereby setting a first electrode of the capacitor means at the threshold potential and setting the second electrode of the capacitor means to a reference potential by the first means;

a step of inputting the clock signal to the second electrode of the capacitor means by the second means in a clock receiving period, and outputting the signal according to the clock signal which is inputted an H-level or an L-level by the third means in dependence on a potential change from the reference potential;

a step of fixing a potential of an output of the level shifter by the third means during a period in which an output of the inverter is unstable;

a step of fixing a potential of an input portion of the inverter by the fourth means during a period in which the level shifter does not operate; and

a step of generating a control signal of the level shifter from an output pulse of the shift register.

8. (Original) The driving method of the shift register according to claim 7,  
wherein an H-level and an G-level of the clock signal are used as the reference potential.
9. (New) The shift register according to claim 2,  
wherein a number of stage of the level shifter and a number of stage of flip-flop which  
configure the shift register in the ratio of 1 : N (N is two or more).
10. (New) The shift register according to claim 3,  
wherein a number of stage of the level shifter and a number of stage of flip-flop which  
configure the shift register in the ratio of 1 : N (N is two or more).
11. (New) The shift register according to claim 4,  
wherein a number of stage of the level shifter and a number of stage of flip-flop which  
configure the shift register in the ratio of 1 : N (N is two or more).
12. (New) The shift register according to claim 5,  
wherein a number of stage of the level shifter and a number of stage of flip-flop which  
configure the shift register in the ratio of 1 : N (N is two or more).

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Substitute the attached drawings in English for the drawings submitted with the application.